Selection of officials for training at Nagoya, Japan

2097. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have selected some officials from various States for training at Nagoya in Japan inthe field of Urban Development;

(b) if so, what are the names of the officers state-wise who have been deputed to the above training; and

(c) what was the criteria adopted in selecting of the candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri D. K. Sharma, Director Planning, Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(c) The officers are nominated for various training programmes abroad keeping in view the content of the training programme and the service record, seniority, and background of the officers sponsored by the State Governments/Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

Recoveries of loans from NCCF

2098. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the United Commercial Bank has been directed to make recoveries of loans, advances from NCCF and also to bring a change in the Management Board of NCCF, as per the latest instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Government of India have time to time reviewed the working of the National Consumers Co-operative Federation (NCCF) and impressed upon its management to expand and diversify its business activities, reduce the overhead expenditure, improve the financial liquority by speedy recovery of outstanding dues etc.

In view of the unsatisfactory performance and the economic problem faced by the NCCF, the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies issued a show-cause notice to the NCCF for the supersession of its Board of Directors. Two members of the Board of Director of NCCF filed a Writ Petition against his show-cause notice in the Delhi High Court which has since been dismissed. The Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies has now initiated further action in the matter.

As regards recovery of outstanding dues from the NCCF by UCO Bank, in accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks and as per the customs and usages prevalent among the bankers, the information relating to an individual constituent of a bank cannot be divulged.

Anti corruption bill

2099. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill on prevention of Corruption will cover the Employees servicing in the Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies etc. as well;

(b) if so, whether there is any provision in the Bill to protect the services and life of those employees/common man who will come forward to expose the mis-deeds, wasteful expenditure and activities of undue favouritism of the senior officials of the Government/Public Sector Establishments etc.; and

(c) if the reply of part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.